Conf.

When Denney was here all AM before last we went over the possibilities of the Bel Air bombing. He is not a bombing expert but is in intelligence. He is to bring an expert with him when he returns, which will be to pick up the next batch of Minuteman stuff.

He was agreat when I told him there is no evidence of any effort to retrace the steps of the victims from the time they departed Washington and he agrees it is highly probable they did take some steps in the Bel Air area.

These are the possibilities he envisions, all of them requiring a degree of incompetence and stupidity he is unwilling to assume:

Thatxtney were about to arm the bomb when there was an accident.

Thatthey were about to disarm it when there was an accident.

Thatbit was nitro (liquid) and they hit a bump.

When I told him of the references to solid residues, he agreed the liquid is out.

There is a fourth and remote possibility, that it was set off by radio (which would mean not by the victims).

In short, I think that in examining the possibilities he may have come to the conclusion it is possible the bomb was not the product of those it killed. This can be of significance to him because the courthouse at Ellicott City is separate from his jurisdiction by only a bridge. Any violenceseach as at Bel Air or Cambridge could be a problem for him/them.

When I asked him if he could regard the unannounced, unexpected return of Stokeley Carmichael at just this time as no more than a coincidence, I think he read me clearly. He does not regard it as coincidental. My own opinion is that this means Brown is away, not as likely, killed. Or hiding. It seems to me more likely that he is out of the country, most likely in Africa.